

Rockingham Planning Commission Invites Public Input on New Draft Flood Hazard Regulations

The Rockingham Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 28th, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Rockingham Town Hall in the lower theater. As part of that meeting, they will discuss the latest draft of the Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Bylaws. This meeting offers residents of Rockingham an opportunity to review and provide feedback on regulations designed to protect the community from future flooding and erosion events.

The proposed Flood Hazard Regulations represent a shift from minimum federal compliance to a proactive flood resilience framework. The changes are designed to reduce future damage, protect community assets, and ensure the Town remains eligible for flood insurance and hazard mitigation funding.

Considerations for the public: Some standards such as elevation and river corridor provisions are more stringent than those in the current 2011 bylaw, which may result in additional documentation requirements for property owners within regulated areas. The draft regulations are consistent with state model bylaws adopted by many municipalities throughout Vermont.

This will be one of several opportunities for the public to provide input.

Meeting Details:

Date: May 28th, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Rockingham Town Hall Lower Theater, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87144047619?pwd=1YGYZr16Z0EZbiX8uptCOFKBcUfglO.1>

Meeting ID: 871 4404 7619

Passcode: planning

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The draft document (Draft #7, dated 4/10/2026) is available for public review at the Town Hall Zoning Office, or online at <https://www.rockinghamvt.org>